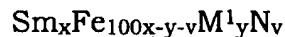


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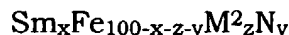
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wherein  $\text{M}^1$  is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Hf and Zr;  $7 \leq x \leq 12$  and  $0.1 \leq y \leq 1.5$  and  $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$ , a  $\text{TbCu}_7$  crystal structure, and flakes with a thickness of 10-40 $\mu\text{m}$ .

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wherein  $\text{M}^2$  is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Si, Nb, Ti, Ga, Al, Ta and C;  $7 \leq x \leq 12$ ,  $0.1 \leq z \leq 1.0$  and  $0.5 \leq v \leq 20$ , a  $\text{TbCu}_7$  crystal structure, and flakes with a thickness of 10-40 $\mu\text{m}$ .

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